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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This is in response to amendment sent on 08/20/04. Claims 1, 8 and 12 have been amended. All the claims are allowable over prior art, but there are some claims and specification objections based on the amendments made 08/20/04.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because there is no terminology in the specification giving antecedent basis for the cleaning layer being called the second layer. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because there is no terminology in the specification giving antecedent basis for the elongated member being "planar". Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

4. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: a second layer is being claimed but no first layer is being claimed. Appropriate correction is required.

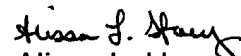
Conclusion

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